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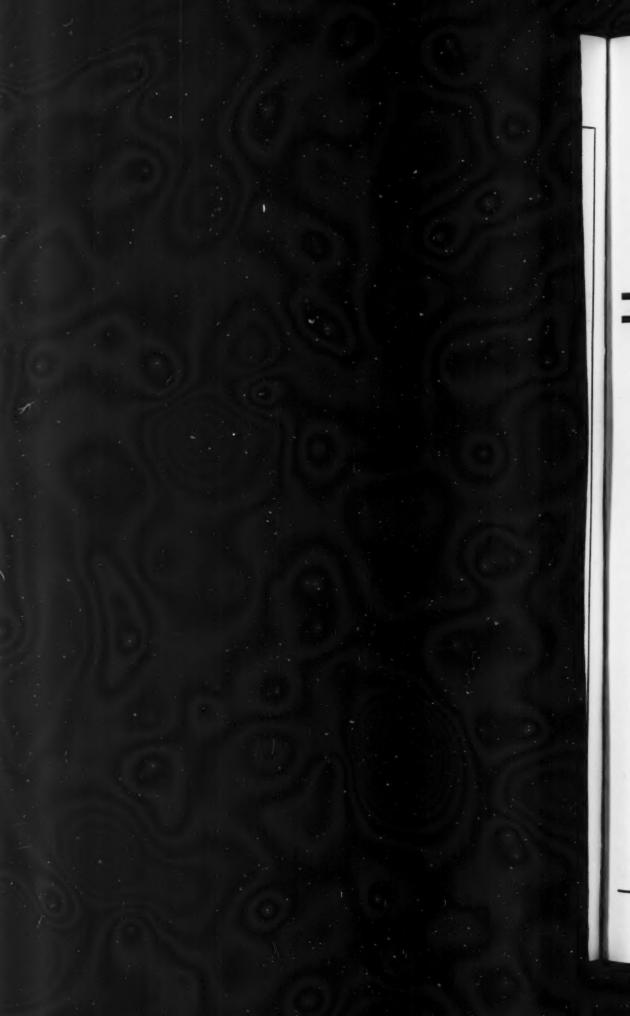
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# The President's Page



Rubie Hanks

Members of the Executive Board join me in saying that 1958-59 has been a wonderful year for us because of the Louisiana Library Association. The year brought varied and interesting experiences including problems and, at times, difficult decisions to be made and now the wish that we could have accomplished more for the Association. However, the richness of friendships and the willingness of committees and members to contribute generously to the progress of L.L.A. have made it a heartwarming and memorable experience. We wish there were

space to give recognition to everyone who has helped but since there is not, please accept this as our sincere "Thank you."

The Annual Conference in Baton Rouge, attended by almost five hundred, was successful with excellent programs and an atmosphere of cordiality and optimism that fitted in well with the forward-looking theme, "Now That We Have Built—". Monroe has been selected as the host city for the 1960 Annual Conference.

Since reports from the Standing and Special Committees are not due until later, we plan to give you a resume of the accomplishments of the Association during 1958-59 in the Fall issue of the Bulletin.

The final reports have been received from the Convention Committees. Excellent suggestions were incorporated that will help smooth the way for future Convention Committees. These will be presented at the joint meeting of the Executive Board June 6 at the Bentley Hotel in Alexandria. Our appreciation to Mrs. Florrinell F. Morton, Convention Chairman, and her efficient assistants.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your president. I am happy to turn the presidency over to Jane Ellen Carstens and with your support and her leadership, L.L.A. is assured of a very successful year.

Sincerely, Rubie M. Hanks Gre

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# The President-elect's Report

By JANE ELLEN CARSTENS



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Jane Ellen Carstens

Greetings to LLA members for 1959!

As membership chairman this past year, I have had an opportunity to become better acquainted with the work of the Association and have enjoyed what I term a refresher course in "Louisiana geography." It is wonderful to be able to put people and places together and to discover that such and such a town is in such and such a parish. Although I have met comparatively few members of LLA, I feel as if I know many of you through correspondence, and am looking forward to knowing many more of you this year.

Membership has now reached 824. 150 of these are brand new. This will give you some idea of the breakdown:

### TYPE

Individual					p		733
Contributing							34

Institutional	52
Sustaining	5
Total	824
SECTION	
College and reference	108
Public	189
School	198
Trustee	223
General	49
Total	767

This means that 163 persons have not renewed their membership for 1959. If you are one of those persons, or if you know one of them, please consider our plea for an immediate renewal. We should be able to reach 1000!!

I thought the convention program in Baton Rouge was one of the finest we have ever had. So many people worked to make the entire convention a success—and the two new libraries, plus the new quarters at the Capitol House certainly contributed to our enjoyment of the occasion.

The 1960 convention will be in Monroe on March 24-26, with headquarters at the Frances Hotel. We have two excellent people at the wheel—with Frances Flanders as Convention Chairman and Ruth Clark Reedy as Program Chairman. If you have any ideas for a theme or for guest speakers, please communicate with Ruth immediately.

I am certainly looking forward to this year as your president. I accepted this responsibility as an honor and a privilege, and I only hope I can prove that your confidence has not been misplaced. With all of us pulling together, we should have a good year!

# Minutes of the Chirty-third Annual Conference

### By MARGIE LYNCH

Vernon Parish Library

Executive Board Meeting:

The Executive Board of the Louisiana Library Association met Wednesday evening, March 18th, in the Capitol House, Baton Rouge, with the following members present: Mrs. Rubie Hanks, President; Miss Jane Ellen Carstens, 1st Vice President; Miss Norma Durand, 2nd Vice President; Miss Margie Lynch, Secretary; Mr. W. C. Bennett, Parliamentarian. Mr. John Uhler, Publicity Chairman for the Convention, was also present.

The minutes were adopted as mailed in the corrected form. The Treasurer's report

was presented and accepted.

Action was deferred to the next meeting on the report of the Legislation Committee on two proposed bills, submitted by Miss Elmira Montgomery of Kaplan. One of these would exempt schools and libraries from the payment of state sales tax for all purchases; the other would exempt all persons from paying state sales tax on the purchase of books.

Action was taken on the following mat-

ters:

- The L.L.A. will share in the expenses of a luncheon honoring congressmen to be held during the A.L.A. meeting in Washington, D. C., June 25, 1959.
- Mr. Bennett was instructed to prepare and submit a motion at the general session to change our by-laws to conform to the A.L.A. constitution with regard to delegates to A.L.A.
- The Board adopted as standard procedure that the L.L.A. president or president-elect have his expenses paid to A.L.A. meetings up to \$200.00.

 The balance of funds received from the L.L.A. convention after all expenses are paid shall be turned over to the Scholarship Fund. Louis

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Other matters discussed about which no action was required included the report of the Committee for Indexing Louisiana Magazines, the financial report of the *Bulletin*, and the report on L.L.A.'s attempts to secure tax exemption status.

Miss Jane Ellen Carstens announced that the 1960 L.L.A. Convention will be held

in Monroe in March.

First General Session:

Mrs. Rubie Hanks, president, declared the 33rd annual convention of L.L.A. in session at 2-P.M., Thursday, March 19, 1959, in Room B, Capitol House, Baton Rouge. She welcomed visitors and all present to join in recognition of the convention theme, "Now That We Have Built," to direct our energies to the new and increasing challenges before us.

The Invocation was given by the Right Reverend Monsignor Robert E. Tracy. After reading greetings from Emerson Greenaway, president, A.L.A., and from Wade O. Martin, Secretary of State, Mrs. Hanks introduced the officers of the Association and the editor and the business manager of the Bulletin. The President of the City-Parish Council and Acting Mayor, the Honorable Frank J. McConnell, brought greetings from the city of Baton Rouge, with Miss Jane Ellen Carstens responding.

In his keynote address, Dr. Ralph E. Ellsworth, Director of Libraries, University of Colorado, commented favorably upon

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Louisiana's progress in library development and challenged the group to meet the public's changing attitude toward the intellectual. He warned that librarians need to take care that they do not fall victim to the "organization man kind of thing"; they need to spend from two to four hours daily reading.

A brief report on the Southwestern Library Association meeting in Galveston was given by Dr. Arthur McAnally, Director of Libraries, University of Oklahoma, and President of S.L.A.

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The A.L.A. Midwinter meeting was discussed briefly by Mr. John Hall Jacobs, L.L.A.'s representative, who brought several matters to the attention of the Association:

- Only officially elected delegates will be seated at A.L.A. council meetings; no alternates.
- At the conclusion of the Library Service Extension Act, it is important that the profession know where we are to proceed.
- The location of the A.L.A. headquarters will remain the same.
- Standards and guides for the undergraduate library program were officially adopted.

The following officers were elected for 1959-60:

President Miss Jane Ellen Carstens
1st Vice President Miss Kate Wallach
2nd Vice President Miss Jewell Moore
Secretary Mrs. Alice Alben
Treasurer Miss Willie Mae Seab
Parliamentarian Miss Loma Knighten

The Exhibitors were introduced to the Association by Mrs. Edith Hill.

### Second General Session:

At eight o'clock Thursday evening, the Second General Session was opened with Miss Norma Durand presiding. Platform guests, the officers-elect of the Association, were introduced.

Highlight of the evening was the film "Russia Today and Yesterday," an illustrated story told by Julien Bryan, Docu-

mentary Film Producer and Travel Lecturer, International Film Foundation. Mr. Bryan's enthusiastic demonstration of how films can be used by libraries was most effective. His latest film, "The Middle East," was then given its first public showing.

An informal reception honoring new members, held through the courtesy of the Jenkins Book Company, Inc., concluded the evening's entertainment.

### Sectional Meetings:

The College and Reference Section, meeting in Room 281 of the L.S.U. Library with Chairman Sammy Dyson presiding, heard Dr. Ralph E. Ellsworth of the University of Colorado speak on "The Librarian in College Instruction." Following a short business session, the group were taken on a tour of the new L.S.U. Library building.

"The Effective Use of Films in Education" was the topic discussed by Mr. Julien Bryan for the Louisiana Association of School Librarians, meeting in the Skyline Room of the Capitol House. Miss Agnes Clark of Northwestern State College led the discussion following Mr. Bryan's talk. Miss Jean Royston, chairman, presided.

Dr. Alexander Sas Jaworsky, Veterinarian of Abbeville, La., and authority on American history and winner of television quiz programs, spoke to a joint meeting of the Trustees' and Public Library Sections on "Freedom of Education or Democratic Versus Soviet System." Following the program, the Public Library Section moved to the Skyline Room for their business meeting. The Trustees' Section heard Mr. B. W. Biedenharn, Chairman, Ouachita Parish Library Board, report on the A.L.A. Conference for 1958 in San Francisco. Following this, the trustees met in impromptu sessions for discussion of topics of interest.

### Awards Luncheon:

The Awards Luncheon was held at twelve noon in the Grand Ballroom with Mrs. Frank Hardee, Trustee Chairman, as Toastmistress. Dr. Essae M. Culver presented the Modisette Awards to the W. T. Henning Elementary School Library at Sulphur, the Vernon Parish Library at Leesville, and to

Mrs. O. N. Reynolds, trustee of the Caldwell Parish Library at Columbia.

A most entertaining as well as informative talk was given by Dr. Cecil G. Taylor, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at L.S.U., on the topic "Libraries and the Challenge to American Education."

Members of the Louisiana Committee for National Library Week were introduced to the Association and Miss Loma Knighten, Executive Director, spoke briefly of the state plans for its celebration.

### Between Meetings:

The Louisiana State Library Staff and the Baton Rouge Library Club entertained at the new State Library building from three to five p.m.

L.L.A. members were invited to visit the office of the Recorder of Documents in the Secretary of State's office.

# Book Dinner:

Toastmistress Jane Ellen Carstens presided at the annual Book Dinner held Friday evening, eight o'clock, in the Grand Ballroom. The Louisiana Literary Award was presented to Dr. John Duffy for his book, The Rudolph Matas History of Medicine in Louisiana, by Miss Frances Flanders, chairman of the committee.

Speaker of the evening was Dr. F. Jay Taylor, author and chairman of the Department of History, Louisiana College, Pineville, who told of finding a secret diary kept during the Civil War by a Louisiana soldier, and of his own editing of the diary for publication. Reluctant Rebel—The Secret Diary of Robert Patrick—1861-1865 will be published soon.

### Third General Session:

The Third General Session convened at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, with Mrs. Rubie Hanks presiding. New section chairmen were introduced by the present section officers. New chairmen elected are: Miss Maude Bentrup, College and Reference; Mrs. Pauline Farley, Louisiana Association of School Librarians; Miss Doris Lessel, Public Library; and Mr. Murphy Tannehill, Trustees' Section.

Mr. R. C. Norris assistant director, Radio and Television Department, University of Texas, spoke on "Television and the Printed Word," illustrating his talk with several kinescopes.

Mr. James Cookston, chairman of the Registration Committee, announced the final registration count as 458. Miss Jane Ellen Carstens reported that the Association now has 747 members including over 100 new members.

Mr. W. C. Bennett, Parliamentarian, reporting that A.L.A. will not accept appointed delegates to the Council, moved that the by-laws of L.L.A. be changed to delete the words: "A.L.A. and" from the second paragraph of Article II, Section 9; seconded by Mrs. Margaret Lane, and carried.

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Miss Debora Abramson, chairman of the Committee for Interlibrary Loan Code for Public Libraries, summarized the position of her committee as follows. The L.L.A. code as presented last year substantially follows the A.L.A. code and neither the public libraries in the state nor the State Library feel that they can adopt this code. Miss Abramson stated that she had conferred with Mr. James Dyson, chairman of the Code Committee for Academic Libraries, and that it was the opinion of all concerned that there is nothing to be gained by having two codes. Therefore, the committee recommends that L.L.A. drop the idea of adopting a code; libraries may use the A.L.A. code when borrowing outside the state and in interlibrary loans between academic and public libraries. Mrs. Morton moved the adoption of this recommendation; seconded by Miss Lucille Arceneaux, and carried.

Miss Elizabeth Cammack moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, we are mindful of the many new libraries built during the past few years which gives rise to our slogan "Now we have built,"

Whereas, let us not forget the motivating cause of these accomplishments and the many suggestions and practical applications given by the governing bodies of our libraries, Be it resolved that this association in convention assembled endorses the present trustee-librarian relationship for it has proven most beneficial to the public which the library serves;

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We further approve the trustee's endorsement of good personnel practices, the practices approved by the American Library Association;

We further applaud the trustees for recognizing that the best method of successfully running a library is with the help and assistance of a professional and certified librarian.

It was seconded by Mr. Jacobs, and carried.

The following resolutions were duly adopted as they were read by Mrs. Lena de Grummond, chairman of the Resolutions Committee: one of appreciation to those who contributed to the success of the con-

vention; one of sympathy to families of deceased L.L.A. members, Mr. C. Paul Phelps, Mrs. Hazel Fort, Miss Ruby Moore, Mr. Lee Nichols, Mrs. Louis G. Stire, Mr. George Murray, and Mrs. Susie B. Defreche; one reaffirming support of the Library Services Act and authorizing the secretary to write members of the Louisiana delegation to Congress commending their advocacy of the Act and requesting them to support the full appropriation authorized by the Act-\$7,500,000 annually; and, finally, a resolution, submitted by the school librarians of East Baton Rouge Parish, urging the State Budget Committee and the Legislature to restore in full the appropriation making possible the allocation of \$1.00 per pupil to the schools of Louisiana for library books and materials.

Mrs. Hanks then declared, "The 33rd annual conference of L.L.A. is now history."

# An Analysis of L.L.A. Convention Attendance, 1959

By JAMES S. COOKSTON L.S.U. Library School

Who attends LLA? Have you ever wondered which groups are represented at the Convention? It would be interesting to classify faces seen in registration lines, general meetings, and hotel lobbies. Since this is impossible, this analysis is concerned with a breakdown of those in attendance at the 1959 Convention in Baton Rouge, March 19-21.

An analysis of the 458 registration cards signed at the Convention reveal some interesting information. The total registration of 458 persons represents 408 people engaged in library activities and 50 commercial exhibitors.

Table I gives a breakdown of the 408 persons engaged in various library capacities.

TABLE I
PERSONS ENGAGED IN VARIOUS
LIBRARY CAPACITIES

Type Librarian	Number	Registering
Public		155
College and University		74
School		72
Trustees		31
Students		28
College Instructors		11
Special		8
Training School Librarians .		5
Out of State		9
Miscellaneous		15
TOTAL		408

Table II shows a breakdown of the largest representation, the public librarians.

TABLE II

PUBLIC LIBRARIANS IN ATTENDANCE—
1959

Specific Job Listed				11	n	6	er	Registering
Parish Librarians								48
State Librarians								18
Clerks or Assistants								62
Catalogers								8
Children's								4
Bookmobile								4
Reference								4
Administrative								2
Circulation								2
Extension								2
Louisiana Collection Libraria	n	S						1
TOTAL								155

Table III reveals the twenty-one positions represented by seventy-four college and university librarians who attended.

TABLE III
COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIANS

Specific Job Listed	Number	Registering
Directors		12
Associate Directors		5
Catalogers		15
Serials		6
Science Librarians		4
Order Librarians		4
Law Librarians		3
Circulation Librarians		3
Social Science Librarians		3
Documents Librarians		3
Reference Librarians		3
Readers Service		2
Humanities Librarians		2
Engineering Librarians		1
Louisiana Collection Libraria	ns	1
Gifts and Exchange Librarian		1
Library School Librarians		1
Archivists		1
General Services		1
Public Services		1
Bibliographers		1
Extension		1
TOTAL		74

Seventy-two school librarians represented thirty-one parishes. The largest number, twelve, were from East Baton Rouge, followed by Ascension Parish and Orleans Parish with four each. Three school librarians came from Calcasieu, Ouachita, St. Charles, and Vermilion Parishes. The following parishes sent two school librarians each: Allen, Caddo, Concordia, Jefferson, Lafourche, and Plaquemines. One librarian attended from the following parishes: Acadia, Beauregard, Concordia, Evangeline, Franklin, Iberia, Iberville, Lafayette, Sabine, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary, St. Martin, Tangipahoa, Washington, Webster, and West Baton Rouge. In addition there were two librarians from vocational or grade schools and eight from parochial grade schools.

Each of the following agencies, classified as special, was represented by one librarian: U. S. Public Health Hospital, Secretary of State's Office, International House, Esso Standard Oil, Department of Public Works, and the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Two schools of nursing, Northwestern State College and Charity Hospital in New Orleans, were represented by one librarian each.

Out-of-state visitors, including guest speakers that were present, included one each from the states of Alabama, Colorado, Mississippi, New York, and Oklahoma; two from Texas; and one from Washington, D. C.

Table I shows that eleven college instructors attended. They represented Louisiana State University, Northwestern State College, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Northeast State College, and Southeastern State College.

An analysis of Table I also shows that twenty-eight students representing Louisiana State University and three state colleges also attended the convention. The largest representation (20) were from Louisiana State University and included students from both the graduate and undergraduate program. Northeast State College and Southwestern Louisiana Institute sent three students each, and Northwestern State College sent two.

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Table IV indicates the attendance of 30 parish library trustees and one State Library Board member and the parishes they represented.

TABLE IV
TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE

Parishes Represented	Numbe
Calcasieu	 . 4
Morehouse	 . 3
St Charles	 . 3
Caddo	 . 2
Caldwell	 . 2
East Baton Rouge	 . 2
Iberville	. 2
Vernon	 . 2
Allen	 . 1
Bossier	 . 1
East Carroll	 . 1
Lafourche	 . 1
LaSalle	 . 1
Natchitoches	 . 1
Orleans	 . 1
Pointe Coupee	 . 1
Richland	. 1

Vermilion	 *												1
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TOTAL				e	•		ø	0	0		0		31

The fifteen persons indicated in Table I as miscellaneous are properly classified in Table V.

TABLE V
MISCELLANEOUS

Position	Num	sber
Directors of Materials Bureaus	. 4	
State Department of Education	. 3	
Library League of New Orleans		
Citizens Library League	. 1	
Non-employed	. 2	
Retired	. 2	
College — 1		
School — 1		
TOTAL	. 15	

It should be remembered that although many positions and jobs seem to overlap, the above figures were taken directly from the registration cards as they were signed in either pre-registration or at the registration desk.

# "Now Chat We Have Built ..."

By
DR. RALPH E. ELLSWORTH
Director of Libraries, University of Colorado

(This is a summary of the keynote address, given by Dr. Ellsworth at the First General Session of the 1959 Conference of the Louisiana Library Association, Capitol House, Baton Rouge, March 19, 1959.)

"Now that we have built . . ." is a particularly apt theme for the Louisiana Library Association in 1959, since Louisiana is particularly fortunate in its library development. On a sound basis of plentiful natural resources and human resources, the state

has made excellent progress in public, school and college libraries, and this is abundantly in evidence in the new buildings in Baton Rouge, New Orleans and elsewhere.

In the nation as a whole, library conditions are improving considerably, and prog-

ress is being made in all types of libraries. In fact, the librarians of today may well say that, at long last, "things are coming our way." In pre-Sputnik days, the libraries of the country were in many respects ahead of public demand. Librarians were offering services for which the demand had to be cultivated. Book stores were selling few books; libraries had few registered borrowers. In schools and colleges, reading was considered an assigned task rather than a rewarding pleasure. Librarians were poorly paid and even less appreciated. In general there was a public indifference to books as a source of information, or as a means of solving problems.

Today the scene has changed considerably. In colleges and universities there is an increased emphasis on the intellectual content of courses and programs. There is a renewed interest in honors courses, and the "egg-head" is no longer in disrespect, at least not in the sciences. There is an increased interest in "issues," both by students and ordinary citizens, and an accompanying awareness that information on national and international problems can be found in books and libraries. For personal problems, too, the average person is turning more than ever to books and magazines, although here it must be admitted that the solutions he discovers are often questionable. The interest of women in public affairs has helped to produce a healthy atmosphere, with the American Association of University Women, the League of Women Voters, and other organizations taking a lead in promoting local and national programs of permanent value.

Even in our religious life, Americans are becoming more mature, and are approaching the subject with an open-mindedness that is refreshing. Respect for the individual and tolerance for differences, whether personal, racial or economic, is becoming more and more noticeable in our national make-up. Discriminatory practices are slowly declining, and though they are still with us in lesser degrees, more people are ready to study them and consider means of abolishing them.

Above all, Americans are beginning to

realize that the great American dream of giving each individual a fair chance to develop his full capacity is something worth fighting for, and at the same time some thing that can be lost through indifference and preoccupation with material motives. Delinquency, crime, gangsterism, statism, and monopoly are all evidences of a sinister direction in American society that should be combatted. Excessive materialism as portrayed by our advertising industry may not be completely typical of America, yet it is true to too great an extent. Fortunately, we are aware of this, and there is a sense of shame about it that is bringing about a slow but definite change. One indication of this is the increased interest in sophisticated art, whether in painting, architecture, sculpture or music. The commercial arts are following the trend, and functionalism is being combined with beauty in producing a truly modern form for everything from kitchen utensils to skyscrapers.

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How ready are we as librarians for this new age, and its demands for library service? Do we fully realize the power of the printed word, and can we pass on to our readers our own faith in books and libraries? To fully meet this challenge, we may need to change opinions of what a librarian is and should be. We must distinguish between our professional duties and our library-housekeeping duties—and keep the latter out of sight. We must be bookmen and not book-keepers, aware of contents of books as well as their covers. It may take some reforming of library schools as well as library attitudes in order to develop a librarian who is a reader as well as a librarian. Perhaps we should schedule some library time for reading-not just "professional' reading, but book reading. Our library associations should be made over into symbols of bookmanship, rather than the "organization man" structures that they are tending to become. On a practical basis, our slogans of cooperation must be put into effect, on local, national and even international bases. Cooperation in purchasing and cataloging, specialization in collections and services, regional storage and research libraries-all these are ways in which we can work together to meet the increasing demand for library services.

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But when all is said and done, the role of the librarian in the worlds of today and tomorrow depends largely upon the effect each of us creates in his daily contacts with the public. If we can succeed in arousing in our readers an enthusiasm for ideas and books, we can make of librarianship a pro-

fession that will take its place in the forefront of American society. "Now that we have built . . ." we have the foundations for a public service that is second to none in importance, but it is up to us just what use we make of those foundations. The future of library service depends upon the librarians, and the libraries of tomorrow will be what we make of them.

# The New Library At Louisiana State University

By SIDNEY BUTLER SMITH Director of Libraries, L.S.U.

If the presence of a large number of students in a library is a sign that a building is successful, then the new L.S.U. Library deserves a good mark. From the day the building was opened in September, 1958, there was never any doubt that it was being well received. Perhaps for a few weeks many came in to look around, but many also lingered to do their own math problems, to browse among the new magazines, to find their way in the stacks, and then to take books out in quantity.

The reasons for this popularity are not hard to find. The building is big and open, conveniently located near many classrooms, and it has an inviting, business-like quality about it which encourages use. And this quality did not come by accident. From the time the legislature appropriated \$3,500,-000, and the plans were put on paper, it was the goal to have a flexible, modular building which would serve the needs of many. University administrators and committees looked at other buildings. The Baton Rouge architectural firm of Bodman & Murrell & Smith, along with their associates Post and Harelson, surveyed buildings which had recently been constructed in other parts of the country and prepared a program for the building with the aid of the library staff. While the architects had not previously built a library, it is clear from the plans that they soon got into the spirit of a library building and have contributed a noteworthy structure which will be visited and studied for years to come.

# Basic Characteristics of Building

The L.S.U. Library is an air conditioned, modular, open shelf, divisional library.

The module is 27 by 24 feet, and the building has a total size of 324 by 192 feet—or about an acre and a half per floor.

The plan includes a large subject divisional room which takes up half of the area on each of the three floors. In the basement there is the Social Science Division; Humanities is on the main floor; and Science is on the second floor.

Books and periodicals are classified and are shelved by Dewey classification number. Each division was assigned certain Dewey numbers and the classification therefore determines the location of material. The Divisions are staffed by four professional librarians who are assisted by graduate students in the library school and by other students as they can be afforded. The divisional

librarians are concerned with service and book ordering, with various clerical tasks kept to a minimum since journals are checked in centrally, and circulation is done at the check points near the exits. Reference work is done in each division, and reserve books are handled on open shelves by each division.

Study facilities have been provided in each division, with every effort made to have a suitable variety of such facilities for different needs. Large tables four feet by six feet with four chairs at them form the conspicuous pattern, but there are also single study tables and some occasional furniture in each area. In the blocks of free-standing stacks there are also areas provided with pairs of single study tables arranged so that no one is very far from a place to study as he finds his material on the shelves.

Seminar rooms, study enclosures for assignment to faculty and graduate students, and typing rooms all make a contribution towards having as many conveniences as possible.

Technical services are located in a large room on the main floor adjacent to the card catalog and bibliography alcove.

### Special Rooms

In a divisional library there are always some features and functions which do not fall within the divisional pattern. Special rooms and services have been planned.

The Library School. Long known for its creative program of library education, the L.S.U. Library School had its offices, classroom and library in the Hill Memorial Library. With the move to the new building the Library School moved also, and suitable space is now provided on the second floor for its important work.

Documents. The library's collections of United States and United Nations Documents are housed in a separate room in the new library. These are now used with the bibliographic guidance of the various printed indexes as these documents do not have cards for them in the public catalog.

Newspapers and Microfilms. Since special problems of preservation and use always

exist with both newspapers and microfilms it was thought advisable to have rooms separate from the divisions for these materials. A sub-professional, with the aid of students, guides the activities in these two rooms and gives help on using the reading machines as well as assistance with the papers and films,

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Photoduplications Department. L.S.U. has for a number of years been interested in our own microfilming, and in making slides or other reproductions. When the new building was planned it was thought preferable to maintain the existing expensive equipment in the Hill Library, so the work of that department continues in its own air conditioned quarters in the old building.

Listening Rooms. A new and especially interesting new feature in the library is an area where recordings may be heard. One large room has provisions for about a dozen at one time and in this room something is being played at all times when the room is open. Surrounding this room are nine smaller rooms, each seating only two or four, where individual selections may be heard. The collection of recordings is still small, but it is being added to regularly and it includes music, speech, reading and dramatic recordings which may be used by all.

Louisiana Room, Rare Book Room, and Archives. Central to any modern university library is the provision of space and personnel for the rare, the unusual, and the local, whether it be in the form of books or manuscripts. By establishing a closer administrative tie on July 1, 1958, between the Archives Department and the Library, the former, which had for many years been in the Law School, was brought into the library and this should prove very important in the years ahead. Along with the already existing Louisiana collection and a developing rare book collection, the location of the three functions in adjacent quarters will make much historical research much easier and more profitable.

# Unsolved Problems and Notes for the Future

When a building is being planned one has the tendency to think that when it is

constructed the problems of the world will be solved. We all know this is not going to be true but we like to think it will be, and sometimes we really believe it. Actually nothing could be much more inaccurate. While a building does solve some things, it also makes it possible to do so many other ones that there is more to be done after a building is completed than there was beforehand.

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The wondrous complexities of moving a collection of some six hundred thousand volumes can be looked back upon with amazement, the marvel of it all being that things got moved on time—or even a little ahead of time—and that they could be readily found once they had been moved. With equal amazement we have watched how readily our students and faculty have found their way around and seem to have enjoyed the experience.

All of which is very gratifying but there are serious questions to which we still do not have answers. And we must be working hard to be sure our service, our controls

and our housekeeping are as good as possible.

We do not yet know whether a system of checking and charging at the exits has security enough about it so that we are not losing material. We have resisted actual turnstiles and hope we can continue to do so but we must be alert to the possibilities of serious book loss.

We are also aware that an open shelf library provides many opportunities for misshelved books; and open reserves make it possible for students to take and hide material which is needed by other members of the class.

We want very much to give good service, to have all the needed books available, and to encourage an atmosphere of honesty, but this is not possible by wishing it were so. Almost everything about the plan and use of the L.S.U. Library are good, but potentially the excellences provide some pitfalls and we must be prepared to deal with them strongly if they become abysses.

# S.L.A. Jubilee Year

By
EDITH ATKINSON
Louisiana State Library

The Special Libraries Association is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. A half century of achievements and progress in the profession will be marked by fitting ceremonies and activities at the annual convention in Atlantic City from May 31 through June 5 of this year. It is interesting to look back into the past to see how this organization came into being.

Nine years before the organization of the Special Libraries Association John Cotton Dana, a pioneer in modern librarianship, conceived the idea of a library in a business with materials useful to business. He believed that by forming an association and working together as special librarians, it

would be possible to give management more accurate information and in less time. He put this idea into practice with the organization of the Business Branch of the Newark, New Jersey, Public Library. By 1909 there were many well established and flourishing business and industrial libraries in other cities, among them were Chicago, Cleveland, Brooklyn and Detroit.

When members of the American Library Association met in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, in July, 1909, there was much interest in the new development in library service and librarianship. Mr. Dana became the center of a group of business librarians and librarians who were employed by pri-

vate industry. This group held numerous informal conferences and as an outcome of these meetings the members decided that the nature and demands of theis work had created a new kind of librarianship. It was at this meeting that the decision was made to organize the Special Libraries Association. By November 5, 1909, the date of the first annual meeting, there were 57 members.

These members felt that their interests were threefold: (1) the organization and operation of a library set to the requirements of the company and the adaptation of basic library techniques to these requirements; (2) how to become a specialist in the literature of the specific field of interest skilled enough to work satisfactorily with the experts in the subject field, and how to improve the tools and methods for handling this material; (3) where to turn for assistance in seeking information not in the company library on this specific subject. Thus, Special Libraries Association was established to promote cooperation among the growing number of librarians working in specialized fields. On January 10, 1910, the association published the first copy of Special Libraries. This new publication, the official journal of Special Libraries Association, was designed to provide the members with news and information relating to their special interest. The April 10, 1910, issue carried the first roster of members, about 100 special librarians in more than 20 subject fields.

As early as 1917 Special Libraries Association began publishing bibliographies, source lists, descriptions of services and values of libraries in special subject fields and other books and tools useful to both the librarian new in the subject as well as more experienced librarians. The Association has published more than 100 books and pamphlets dealing with a variety of subjects including, for example, engineering abstracts, directories of commercial and financial information services and the organization and management of technical libraries. Following the publication of Special Libraries came the publication of the second journal, Technical Book Review Index, which consists of quotations from book reviews which have appeared in some 800 recent scientific, technical and trade journals. For more than 20 years this publication has proven its usefulness to members of the profession.

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The Association's third and most recent publication, *Technical Translation Monthly*, indicates the Association's efforts to supply information needed by librarians and the technologists they serve. The Translation Center was established in 1954 at the John Crerar Library in Chicago to furnish to researchers copies of scientific materials translated into English from all languages. The collection now numbers more than 20,000 translations, including about 4,000 Russian titles from the Library of Congress.

As the Association grew it was only natural that libraries with similar subject interests would come together to discuss their common problems. The first such division was formed in 1922 by a group of insurance librarians. By 1925 five other similar groups organized into association divisions. Today there are 17 such Divisions in Special Libraries Association: Advertising, Biological Sciences, Business, Documentation, Financial, Geography and Map, Hospital, Metals, Military, Museum, Newspaper, Picture, Publishing, Science Technology (with sections on Chemistry, Engineering, Paper and Textile, Petroleum, Pharmaceuticals and Public Utilities), Social Science (with sections on Industrial Relations, History, Public Administration and Social Welfare), and Transportation. These Divisions are distinctive because they bring library methods into full relationship with their subject fields and organizations. Contacts with authoritative sources are reflected in Special Libraries Association publications and in participation of librarians in industrial meetings and cooperation and participation of scientific and industrial personnel at Special Libraries Association meetings.

On the local level, Special Libraries Association carries out its programs and aims through Chapter organizations. Today there are 31 Chapters in geographical areas of the United States and Canada.

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The Louisiana Chapter of Special Libraries Association has the distinction of being the first Chapter organized in the South. The national organization was interested in promoting the idea of a Southern chapter in Louisiana and believed that there were a sufficient number of librarians engaged in special subject fields to make the organization possible. Directly responsible for the Chapter's organization were Mrs. Dorothy Skau, Librarian of U. S. Department of Agriculture, New Orleans Branch, and Miss Gertrude Minsk (now Mrs. Walter Lemann), Librarian of the Agriculture-Biology Library at Louisiana State University.

In February, 1945, Mrs. Skau met with a group of librarians at Howard-Tilton Memorial Library, Tulane University, New Orleans, to discuss the idea, and a year later Miss Minsk held a similar meeting of librarians in the Baton Rouge area. As a result of these meetings membership in Special Libraries Association among Louisiana librarians jumped from 10 to 20, the number required for organizing a chapter.

The organizational meeting took place at Louisiana State University on May 25,

1946, and the petition was forwarded to national headquarters for approval at the annual meeting in June. The formal installation was held in New Orleans on November 16 and 17, 1946, at International House, under the direction of Miss Betty Joy Cole, national president of Special Libraries Association. Many of the twenty signers of the petition are still on the roster of the Louisiana Chapter. The membership roll included librarians from Texas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, Oklahoma, as well as Louisiana. Since that time other Southern states that were originally represented in the Louisiana Chapter have formed their own Chapters until now membership in Louisiana Chapter comprises only librarians in Louisiana and Mississippi. Membership in the Louisiana Chapter is as heterogeneous as the national organization. Libraries in law, medicine, government, chemistry, petroleum, history, biology, agriculture, engineering, religion, advertising, and banking are represented. Despite the loss of members to other Chapters there is an active membership of 40 members all striving to carry on the slogan of "putting knowledge to

# Modisette Awards, 1959

The Vernon Parish Library at Leesville was presented with the Modisette Award by the Louisiana Library Association during its 33rd annual conference currently taking place in Baton Rouge.

Additional Modisette Awards were presented to the W. T. Henning Elementary School library, at Sulphur, and to Mrs. O. N. Reynolds, trustee of the Caldwell Parish Public Library at Columbia.

The Modisette Awards are presented each year in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in the field of library service, honoring the late J. O. Modisette of Jennings who was for many years chairman of the board of the Louisiana State Library.

In selecting the Vernon Parish Library to receive the award in the public library division, the association cited the fact that in June, 1959, the library successfully obtained a 3½-mill tax to assure continued financial support and at the same time was granted a 4-mill tax for two years for the construction of a \$70,000 building which has just been completed.

In addition, circulation of the library was increased by 20,000 during 1958, written policies were published on classification and pay plans, book acquisition and personnel practices, and service of two professionally trained librarians was available.

The W. T. Henning Elementary School library was chosen to receive the award in the school library division because of progress made during 1958 in serving its school personnel. Miss Hazel McNamara is librarian.

The third award, presented to Mrs. Reynolds, was made in recognition of her work as a trustee of the Caldwell Parish Library. She is vice-president of the library board of control and has served as a member since the establishment of the library in 1953.

Five libraries in Louisiana were granted Honorable Mention for progress during 1958. They are the Shreve Memorial and Caddo Library, Shreveport; the LaSalle Parish Library, Jena; the Winn Parish Library, Winnfield; the Calcasieu Parish Library, Lake Charles; and the Ouachita Parish Library, Monroe.

# News of Libraries and Librarians

By
MRS. EDITH P. TAYLOR
Librarian, Lafourche Parish Library

On March 20th at the Awards Luncheon in Baton Rouge, Library Trustee John T. Cupit, Vice-President of the Board, accepted the 1958 Modisette Award for Public Libraries on behalf of the Vernon Parish Library. The entire staff and another board member, Mr. A. C. Williams, were present for the convention.

Mrs. Nettie Wise, formerly of the Avoyelles Parish Library Staff in Marksville, has replaced Mrs. Barbara Honaker as assistant at the Headquarters Office of the Calcasieu Parish Library. Mrs. Honaker has returned to her home in Virginia. Miss Pauline Peddy, copy cataloger at headquarters, is to be married May 30 and will move to Baton Rouge. Twenty-five members of the Headquarters Staff, Branch assistants, and Board members traveled in a chartered Trailways Bus to the Convention in Baton Rouge in celebration of the 15th anniversary of the Calcasieu Library.

Mrs. Thelma Reynolds replaced Miss Jude Ann Talbot on the staff of the Iberville Parish Library. Miss Talbot, now Mrs. Charles Drott, is residing in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Mrs. Josephine Price joined the Shreve Memorial Library Staff in April. She was formerly a school librarian in Texas. Mrs. Marvin Bass, Board President; Miss Inez Boone, Librarian, and Mrs. Ruth Brown, Mrs. Ida Boggs and William McCleary attended the LLA convention.

Mr. Milton S. Overby is the new Assistant Librarian and Director of Readers' Services at the Richard W. Norton Memorial Library, Louisiana College, Pineville. He comes from Denton and Fort Worth, Texas, where he has been attending school while on the staff of the Fleming Library at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He replaces Miss Betty Kitchens who is now on the staff of the Portland, Oregon, Public Library.

Mr. William R. Alexander, President of the Union Parish Library Board of Trustees, was elected President of the 5th District of Library Trustees at a meeting of this group held in Harrisonburg on April 9th. Mrs. G. G. Harris, Jr., Acting Librarian of the Union Parish Library, will serve as secretary of the group. The next meeting will be with Union in the spring of 1960.

Miss Esther Robichaux, Librarian of Webster Parish Library, was married to Mr. James Donovan Shinn on April 1, 1959, in Minden. Mrs. Shinn will continue as librarian.

Three members of the St. Mary Parish Library Staff, Mrs. Lola Gates, Librarian, Mrs. Ruby Moser, Assistant Librarian, and

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Miss Elizabeth Raulins of the Louisiana State Library Staff showed a film and gave a book talk on recreation for the Cameron Optimist Club's Ladies Night program.

Members of the new Plaquemines Parish Library Demonstration Staff are Mrs. James E. Pope, Bookmobile driver, Mrs. Katherine Stone, Assistant Librarian, Mrs. Estelle S. Serignet, Branch Assistant at Pointe-a-la-Hache and Mrs. Robbie Prather, Branch Assistant at Nairn, announces Mr. J. E. Uhler, Jr., Librarian.

Mr. George King Logan was one of the nine recipients of the first annual Charles E. Dunbar Career Civil Service Awards in Louisiana. Mr. Logan was one of two recipients from New Orleans. The Awards were presented on March 12th, but due to illness, Mr. Logan was unable to attend.

Mrs. Ruth Robbins, Head, Catalog Department; Miss Margaret Ruckert, Head, Louisiana Department; John Hall Jacobs, Librarian, and Mr. Charles G. Smither, Chairman, Library Board, attended the LLA Convention in Baton Rouge.

Mrs. Rubie M. Hanks presided over the Business Sessions of the LLA Convention. In attendance at the LLA Convention from Lafourche Parish were Miss Sally LeMarque, Raceland High School Librarian; Mrs. Alice W. Porter and Miss Juanita Grant, Librarians at the Nicholls State College in Thibodaux; Mrs. W. Levron Scott, Thibodaux Junior High School Librarian; Mrs. Sidney E. Peltier, Board President, Mrs. Florette F. Porche, Assistant Librarian, and Mrs. Robert A. Taylor, Jr., Librarian of the Lafourche Parish Library.

On May 9, a library maintenance tax of 4 mills will be voted on by the qualified voters of Winn Parish. This is a renewal tax for five years.

Shreve Memorial Library and The Caddo Parish Extension and the Winn Parish Library received honorable mentions for progress at the Modisette Awards Luncheon.

Over 400 people attended the dedication and open house for the new Vernon Parish Library building on Sunday, March 8th.

Construction will begin in May on the new Berwick Branch of the St. Mary Parish Library. The Police Jury is also in the process of buying a lot for a building to be erected at Patterson.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority presented a scrapbook on Hurricane Audrey to the Cameron Parish Library Demonstration. A gift of \$200 was received from the Cameron Meadows Land Company. The Cameron Parish Library grounds have been landscaped by the Home Demonstration Council.

The Nairn Branch of the Plaquemines Parish Library Demonstration was formally opened on March 24. The Pointe-a-la-Hache Branch will be formally opened in May.

The New Orleans Public Library building was featured in the April issue of Architectural Forum. The article was mainly pictorial and included the floor plans. The March-April Pioneer, trade magazine of Remington Rand, is devoted almost entirely to the New Orleans Public Library. Many pictures are included and the write-up is by Librarian John Hall Jacobs.

As the opening event of National Library Week in Ouachita Parish, the new Ouachita Parish Public Library Headquarters was dedicated on April 12. Hostesses for the open house which followed the dedication services were the Board of Control, Ouachita Parish Committee for National Library Week and the Women's Clubs of Ouachita Parish. More than 2000 people visited the library during the afternoon.

Iberia Parish's sixth branch library opened April 4 in the new recreational building at the City Park. Mrs. James Markham is the assistant in charge. A poster and essay contest were conducted in the parish schools during NLW week. Delegations from six men's service clubs were invited for coffee on each week day to learn about the library. Herbert Hebert of the New Iberia High School, who placed first in oratory at the state rally, gave his winning talk "With Books, a Whole New Life" to the Lions Club.

The Franklin Parish Library held open house in its new building April 17 at which time approximately 500 friends called to view the library. The brick building with marble and stone front was built by John Baker Associates, announces Mrs. George V. Cotton, Librarian. Assisting the librarian in receiving guests were A. J. Riser, President of the Police Jury, Parker B. Turner and Roger Miller of the Police Jury and Board Members George Baskin, Mrs. C. R. Adams, President, Mrs. Asa Kiper, Mrs. W. R. Baker and former board member B. S. Landis, Sr.

The Louisiana State Library is making plans for the production of a 16mm film, fourteen minutes in length, in color, with music, narration, and sound effects. The film, to be paid for from Federal funds made available under the Library Services Act, will illustrate how a library demonstration is set up and planned, will depict the services offered, and point up the relationship between the library demonstration and the State Library. It will be used with organizations and official bodies in parishes without libraries and will be shown on television.

The 25th anniversary celebration of the Talking Book is being sponsored by the Library of Congress and the American Foundation for the Blind. The most recent development, in the national books for the blind program, is a recorded edition of Newsweek magazine.

The Library Personnel Conference, jointly sponsored by the State Library and the LSU Library School, is scheduled for October 20-24 at the Adult Education Center, LSU. Herbert Jerrells, Personnel Officer, Los Angeles Public Library, will be consultant for the Conference. Miss Debora Abramson, Assistant State Librarian, is director.

Dr. Eugene Watson announces that the first issue of the *Louisiana Historical Review* has been postponed until October, 1959, but it will have a July imprint. The *Review* is to be published by the Louisiana Historical Association.

The Alumni Association of the L.S.U. Library School held its annual meeting in Baton Rouge at a breakfast meeting on March 21, during the Louisiana Library Association Conference. Miss Loma K. Knighten, President, presided with some

seventy alumni, Library School faculty and friends present. Every class, with the exception of the first, the class of 1932, was represented. The Bread Basket Collection which has become a tradition for the meeting, netted \$175.00 for the Scholarship Fund. New officers elected for 1959-60 are: Mrs. Lucile Daughdril, President; Mrs. Elizabeth (Builtman) Mitchell, Vice President; and Miss Lucile Arcenaux, Secretary-Treasurer.

Mrs. Florrinell F. Morton was one of the principal speakers at the Arizona Library Association Conference, which was held in Phoenix on April 3-5. Her paper, entitled "A Man's Reach," was on the subject of progress in library education.

Mrs. Winifred Wilkerson, a February graduate of the Library School, now on the staff of the L.S.U. Library, is one of nine candidates selected to participate in the annual Recruiting Program for Outstanding Graduates of Library Schools. Her appointment is effective in September.

Miss S. Metella Williams spoke on the Meaning of Reference before the West Central Louisiana Library Association on February 19, 1959.

Dr. Shirley K. Stephenson is making a series of talks before men's service clubs on "Spotlight on Books." Her talks so far have been given before the Lions Clubs in Donaldsonville, Port Allen, Gonzales, and Greensburg, and the Kiwanis Club of Opelousas.

The Library School has been awarded a Grolier-Americana Scholarship of \$100 for graduate study in school librarianship for the year 1959-60. School librarians interested in applying should make application to the Director of the School.

Miss Loma Knighten, Executive Director of National Library Week for Louisiana, has announced that a full report of the state's activities in observance of the Week will be made in the next issue of the L.L.A. Bulletin. Incidentally, National Library Week for 1960 has already been announced. It will be held during the week of April 3-9, and plans are under way to make this one bigger and better than ever.

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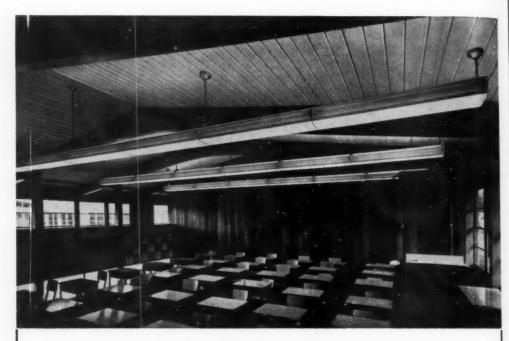
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